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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)

Stephan BOLZ.)

Application No.: 09/622,696)

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For: CONTROL SYSTEM FOR AN)
INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE)

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

Further to the Advisory Action issued 23 September 2002, this is a reply to the Final Office Action dated 11 June 2002, the period for replying to which has been extended three-months to 11 December 2002. Entry of the following amendments are respectfully requested so as to place the application in clear condition for allowance or, alternatively, in better form for appeal.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-16 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add new claims 17-29 as follows.

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17. (New) Control system for an internal combustion engine with a sensor and a connecting line for transmission of data from the sensor via an interface to an evaluating unit for digitization of the data, and with a connecting line for transmission of the digitized data from the evaluating unit to an engine control device, characterized in that:

the interface is a plug connector in the housing of which the evaluating unit is integrated.

18. (New) Control system according to Claim 17, characterized in that the plug connector has an electrically conductive housing to shield the evaluating unit.

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